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In re Application of:)
Eric C. Anderson, et al.)
Application No. 09/007,019)
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For: EXECUTION CONTROL FOR)
PROCESSOR TASKS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Sub E1 Pending After the title, please insert the following:

~~RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

Sub E1 Pending The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application serial number 08/478,413 filed on June 7, 1995, now abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application serial number 07/954,970, now U.S. Patent number , filed on September 30, 1992.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Sub E1 Pending*
1. (Amended) A method in a computer system of executing a first sequence of modules in a first task, said first sequence of modules linked to one another and having at least one sequence of execution, comprising:
 4. a. storing in each of said first sequence of modules a skip value indicating a next module in said sequence of modules to execute;
 5. b. executing a first module of said first sequence of said modules; and